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20 In response to a First Office Action dated 06/30/2004, which
action is non-final, Applicants respectfully request that the
amendments and remarks presented herein be entered into the case.

Applicants note that a previous reply filed February 4, 2005
has been held to be incomplete for failure to completely comply
with Revised 37 CFR 1.121 by including withdrawn claims 34-62 in
25 their listing of claims. In a Notice of Non-Responsive
Amendment, mailed 08/05/2005, the Examiner has kindly provided a
one-month period for response to correct this inadvertent error.
Claims 34-62 are cancelled herein.

30 Amendments to the Abstract are shown on page 2 of this
paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of
claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.